stem and also meet the needs of providing a safe modern military Airport in this area; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken/ proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Exhibition of products of Ordnance factories in Abu Dhabi

4700. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is one of the participants in an exhibition of military arms at Abu Dhabi for sale in Gulf region; and

(b) whether it is also proposed to exhibit products of Indian ordnance factories to solve the problem of surplus capacity in small arms output in Indian production units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) As a part of our export promotion effort, Ordnance Factory Board, six defence public sector undertakings, Defence Research & Development Organisation and some companies in the public and private sector participated in the International Defence Exhibition (IDEX'95) held at Abu Dhabi from 19 to 23 March 1995. Participation in this exhibition has helped in creating better awareness about our defence products and has enhanced the potential of our exports.

Any export will constitute an additionally to the turn over of the Indian production units and will reusult in higher efficiency and lower costs.

Offshore patrol vessel

4701. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Goa Shipyard Limited has built the second advanced offshore patrol vessel "Sangram" to guard the Indian Coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof with name of the builder of the first advanced offshore patrol vessel;

(c) whether Government propose to ask other Public Sector Coastal State Industrial Units to build similar offshore patrol vessels in future to guard the entire Indian Ocean; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons thereafter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):' (a) and (b) This vessel is in an advanced stage of construction. The first such vessel, which is at present undergoing trials, has also been built by Goa Shipyard Limited.

(c) and (d) The normal procedure for award of contracts will be followed.

Recruitment in Indian Army

4702 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India's attention has been drawn towards the news-item captioned 'Indian army waging a losing battel on the recruitment front' which appeared in the Indian Express, Bombay dated February 18, 1995; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (b) No scientific study has so far been made by the Government on the issue of employment preferences of the youth. A very large number of youth continue to appear for selection in the Army. The pay and allowances of Army personnel are at par